



Plymouth Social Enterprise Network

Minutes

of the meeting held on

10th January 2012

at

Engage Plymouth, St Levan Road, Plymouth PL2 3BG

Present: Kate Doodson (Cosmic Ethical IT), Zoe Young (Education Through Expeditions [ETC]), Steve Angove (social enterprise consultant), Peter Flukes (Wolseley Trust), M-L Wilson (Simply Counselling), Helen Fellows (Colebrook Housing Association), Annette Morton, Andrew Allchurch (Peninsula Enterprise), Geoffrey N Read, Victoria Hurth (Devon & Cornwall Food Association), Lisa Stewart (no social enterprise as yet), Andrew Bush (iTab), Sarah Stevenson (Plymouth University), Gareth Hart (Iridescent Ideas), Viv Horton, Alpesh Patel (Students And Refugees Together [START]), Dave Kilroy (Social Enterprise Outcomes Ltd)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gareth Hart as Chair for the meeting welcomed all present. Dave Kilroy's offer to take the minutes was accepted.

2. Apologies

The following apologies were received: Ed Whitelaw, Michelle Virgo, Betty Gray, Colin Trend, Nicki Parker, Sarah Greep.

3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2011 were accepted as correct with the following matters arising:

- a. Item 4 – Gareth will be having a (pre-booked) telephone conversation with David Draffan of Plymouth City Council this afternoon
- b. Item 7 – our Community Research Awards bid with Plymouth University has got through to the second stage of the selection process.

4. Presentation by Kate Doodson of Cosmic Ethical IT

Presentation by Kate Doodson of Cosmic IT on "IT Trends This Year", Kate's presentation covered the following main points:

- 4th Generation of technology
- How people are using their mobile (phone)
- Mobile buying power
- What about Apps?
- My favourite Apps
- App ideas?
- Cloud computing
- What Cosmic does

As well as a very well received question and answer session at the end. Kate's excellent presentation is available in full at our website via this shortened link: <http://ow.ly/9c5TS> Cosmic Ethical IT's website is at <http://www.cosmic.org.uk/>

5. Presentation by Annette Morton & Andrew Allchurch of Peninsula Enterprise

Annette and Andrew outlined the business support programme they operate:

- Their business support service is targeted at social enterprises in Plymouth and Torbay.
- They are looking to work alongside the Network (and others such as CASAP, Routeways, Working Links and Outset) to compliment what they do, and are happy to take on board suggestions.
- They have the ability to offer intensive one-to-one support, can be flexibly and can tailor support to client needs.
- They are planning to run a series of workshops and events starting in March covering subjects such as governance as well as events tailored to needs of a group of social enterprises.
 - 28th February, The Edge, Brixham
 - 13th March, Hele Hub CIC, Torquay
 - 15th March, Creykes Court, Plymouth
- They also have the ability to help with larger events and are keen to collaborate with the Network.

Annette & Andrew can be reached by visiting <http://www.socialenterprisefocus.com> or phoning 0845 6022 558. Their general flyer is at the end of this link: <http://ow.ly/9dBXR> whilst their one on their workshops is here: <http://ow.ly/9dC7g>

6. Members updates / what's on / events

The following reports were given (and recorded as well as possible by Dave)

Cosmic Ethical IT

Just launched spring workshops in Honiton, if your social enterprise is based in Devon or Plymouth you can attend one workshop (check for details). There is a 'Happy hour' for tech stuff between 3 and 4pm on Fridays

Education through Expeditions (ETE)

Hoping to expand to all schools in Plymouth, International Scott Expedition

Steve Angove

Doing work with individual groups in the South West, one is around mental health, difficult getting one focused on mental health registered with the Charity Commission – would like to put something on the Network's website (agreed would liaise with Dave)

Wolseley Trust

A big cloud over small business activity in Plymouth, 6 out of 25 units vacant at one of our parks (the other one has a waiting list). This impacts on what support we can give to social enterprises. Are helping with the apprentice scheme, social prescription project and are committed

Simply Counselling CIC

Just about to offer counselling to young people because Zone no longer active, we too are struggling but PCC are extending their carers Contract as it has been going so well. Now looking for resources to offer counselling to young carers

Colebrook Housing Association

Starting up a Time Bank – donating and receiving time, has leaflets, holding a workshop in March on volunteering, will be linking

Peninsula Enterprise

Demise of the BL service, can't underestimate value of face-to-face support which we can provide (BL is now only a website so we in Plymouth are fortunate)

Devon and Cornwall Food Association

Have premises now, half of the ground-floor of the old Ship Hostel. Once we get going properly would be keen to expand into jams etc perhaps with Sarah Greep. Working on a Big Lottery bid to increase healthy food distribution

Lisa Stewart (no org)

"This makes me tingle, it's really inspiring" I want to work with mums and do the right thing

iTAB (Andrew Bush)

Architecture practice, relooking at my life

Plymouth University

Lots of groups of students 641 working with businesses around the City, could go on lots but won't

Iridescent Ideas CIC

Trying to help other social enterprises grow and succeed, evaluation and other services, funding work, civic commerce project with RiO, advice on Social Impact Bonds and other social investment opportunities.

START – Students And Refugees Together

Working with newly arrived people in city, 3 staff plus student volunteers. Racism is becoming a major issue in the city at the moment – it has got worse recently. Also work with people/organisations who themselves have dealings with refugees, project around cultural kitchen etc to help them to integrate and move on

Application Insight

Doing work for (sub-contracted) to The Big Local. Looking to develop a mobile app with Chance UK.

7. Executive Committee report

A report was given of what the committee had been doing, much of which either had been, or would be, covered elsewhere in the agenda. The report included overviews of:

- i. Awards for All
- ii. Research Project
- iii. Derriford Community Park (no payment yet)
- iv. CASAP (grant? Nothing yet)
- v. Constitutional issues
- vi. Brittany project
- vii. Training to get on the website

8. Third Sector Apprenticeship Scheme

The Network has applied for an apprentice via CASAP (Community And Social Action Plymouth), with the Real Ideas Organisation and Iridescent Ideas helping out. There are still a lot of negotiations to take place but it is possible that some of the admin work could be taken on by an apprentice.

9. New Members

The following new members were admitted and welcomed to the Network:

- Students And Refugees Together (START) – full member
- Just Power – full member
- The BLURT foundation – full member

10. Finance and Sponsorship

Gareth reported that the committee were also thinking about financing options for the Network, including sponsorship, and it was felt that the debate should be opened out to the full membership.

- How do we finance the Network?
- What about sponsorship e.g. from professionals such as accountants or lawyers.

This generated a discussion, including looking at how people could contact likely targets seeing if they would be interested. The following were identified as possible sponsors: Plymouth 2020, LEP, Plymouth Professional Groups, Foot Anstey, and the suggestion was made that each member could offer their own services to Network members at a discount.

11. Any other business

- a. John Pearce.
The meeting noted with sadness the recent death of John Pearce, author of "Social Enterprise in Anytown" and a leading light in the Social Audit Network. Although John spent much of his working life in Scotland he was originally from Cornwall.
- b. Plymouth TV
SilverStream TV are leading a bid and if successful they will be consulting on what to go on it (including the Network)
- c. Email addresses of those present.
In order to ease communication among members, all present agreed to have their email addresses displayed in these minutes:
 - Kate Doodson kate@cosmic.org.uk
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 - Dave Kilroy dave@applicationinsight.com

12. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Network is set for Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 12 noon, at Room 404, the Babbage Building, University of Plymouth – the following link opens a map showing the location <http://g.co/maps/yrzrq>